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THE VERDICT IN THE HALL CASE.

The judgment of the jury in the Hall case is an expression of the general disapproval of the methods that have been pursued in office and in politics in Oregon, and of the determination of the people to amend them. Mr. Hall stood as an example and exponent of a system that has been pursued these many years. It has come to an end, and, though he is Bull Run? less guilty than many others, the penalty has fallen on him. It was Mitchellism in office and in politics and in government. John H. Hall is not a bad man. He is a better man than many others who go unscathed; just as John H. Mitchell was convicted at last of the least of the crimes of

his career. It will be said that Mitchell and his followers were no worse than many who opposed them, and their methods no worse. This must be admitted. But who started the game? Wh8 was its original proprietor? To fight it and heat it others used the same or simflar methods. Yet they didn't beat on it be assessed just the same as the land itself? The basic principle of triumphant, till an executive appeared taxation is to make the burden equal at Washington who was susceptible to no influence from the gang, and not only wouldn't call off the prosecution, but urged it on. Most of the offenses are buried in time long past and done. John H. Hall, not so gulity as many more, is caught in the last or latest sweep of the broom. He is a victim of the system which he used as he found it. And yet there must be victims or about. there never can be reform.

SHALL WE ABOLISH EQUAL TAXATION? Among the arguments, or statements put forth by those who advo-cate amendment of the Constitution in order to change our system of asresament and taxation is the followvho

ing: One hundred feet square sold in Portland on January 22 for \$\$00,000, or at the rate of more than \$2,000,000,000 for 640 acres. The latter amount is about ten times the The latter amount is about ten times the assessed value of the farms of Oregon. bling unreason.

Such city values, as well as the values of railroad rights of way, are made by tribute paid by the producers of the state. This measure will shift the taxes mainly to site values, such as the above.

Such stuff is a fair gauge of the, do. thought that offers this amendment. The specific instance is not true. It immeasurable distance from truth. The 100 feet square, referred o, was not sold for \$\$00,000. It has not been sold at all. It would not bring \$200,000 today. Even this, it is best are meaningless, indicating as it true, is a large sum. But it was not does an idea of penalty at a time when labor was held to be a curse inmade by the producers of the state"

stead of, as now, a blessing.

A TEXT FROM MEDFORD.

Sometimes a deck of cards is harm-

less and sometimes not. It depends

on circumstances. Wise parents rath-

er incline to permit their boys and

girls to play with cards at home of

an evening, partly because the amuse-

ment they supply is innocent in itself,

party in the hope that familiarity will

forbidden and destroy that seductive

charm of mystery which lures many

strictly nurtured youths to their ruin.

But it is safe to say that whenever

parents feel the faintest intimation of

and old to forbid it. The harm comes.

guilt in permitting their children to

not at all from the game, which is

neutral like any other, but from vio-

when the rules of conscience are illog-

ical and tyrannous, they must b

obeyed so long as their binding power

slightly. To defy one's conscience is

always harmful, even when its com-

It is only when conscience offers no

objection that a person can dance or

play cards or frequent the theater

without moral guilt. Such recreations

are only for the emancipated; but

there is a lurking danger even for

them. It is the danger of excess, Be-

tween the Puritanism which forbids

all amusement and the libertinism

things are assigned their proper

acknowledged, no matter how

Even

lating a rule of conscience.

mands are foolish.

ssen the baneful attraction of the

-except in small degree, and that indirectly. It was made by a man who has concentrated the hard work of a long life in Portland, and has done his full share toward making the city what it is.

The values of Portland have been nade by those who came here at the beginning of settlement in Oregon, worked hard, stuck to the place through all discouragements, concentrated trade, commerce and manufactures here, and paid back for support of the state all they ever derived from the state, and still are doing so. Of course, the general progress of the state has contributed to the progress of Portland, and in turn the growth of Portland has correspondingly assisted and promoted the growth of the

Magestift Stationery Co. Mess Moines, in.—Mose Jacoba Sacramento, Cal.—Sacramento News Co. Salt Lake—Moon Book & Stationery Ca.; Rosenfeld & Hansen; G. W. Jewett, P. O But Portland stands and has stood

n nearly the same relation to two other states as to, the State of Oregon. From Washington and Idaho Portland has derived more trade than from Oregon; and so far as a city is the creation of a tributary region. Portland owes less to Oregon than to Washington and Idaho. Far less; for Portland these forty years and more has paid one-third of the taxes of the State of Oregon, and to Washington and Idaho nothing. Wealth, of course, is concentrated chiefly in the cities. It is a necessary consequence, as well as cause, of active business and social life. The wealth of the cities doesn't hurt the country, but is helpful, and which makes life nothing but a quest even indispensable to the country. A

for amusement there is a same middle big tax roll in Portland is mighty good course where serious and trivial for Oregon And what fairer basis for a tax roll

places. than that now provided by the Con-One may say without reservation titution and laws of Oregon? Is that the place for playing cards is there any better rule of taxation than not at school, The Medferd boys that "all taxation shall be equal?" Any better method of assessment than dealing and shuffling were violating that "all property shall be assessed at its true cash value?" Again, let not only a universal rule of every deus ask: Do you want better bread were also in personal rebellion against than wheaten? Better water than their teacher. A boy who takes cards to school knows that he is doing

We think the people of Oregon will not wish to abolish the principle of equal taxation. The press of the state, so far as it has yet spoken, is talking gravely and sanely about this mates. ousiness. We finish for the present with this from the Albany Democrat, playing at school doubles its attracto, wit: "It is very doubtful if our people are ready to make land the sole basis of taxation, exempting im-

provements and personal property. Is there any good reason why one kind as the lure of the game exists. Those of property should not bear its proportion of the burden the same as another? Why should not the maspiracy against the teacher and the

bor." Carried to the extreme, a con- the whole country. It is the same party lines strictly, or they will cool peer. vict condemned by conditions to a life disease which broke out at Athens in their heels outside the councils of the of idleness is a most pitiable object, the period of her decadence and Nation. For this reason the scheme The transformation of Kings into

Imposed to the letter, the condition which Socrates lost his life in trying to put up a minority Republican canof imprisonment in atter idleness has to correct. An exaggerated individualmost certainly led to the convict's | alism is the best name for it, perhaps; Such a condition is com- an individualism which holds that parable in a state of liberty only to that of a sheepherder on a wide range himself, be bound by no rules except follows his bleating, senseless his own desires and ambitions, and flocks about-they intent only upon acknowledge no rights in others feeding, he upon watching them-un- which conflict with his own appotites til he sinks to the level of their bab- This is the old gospel of Gorgias and the sophists at Athens and of Dr. Day

Of No man or woman convict was ever and his colleagues in America. averse to labor-even though course it is anarchy of the most detrained in the doctrine of the "primal structive type, but they disguise it uncurse" as to regard without terror a der fine names and preach it with al-decree of commitment for a term of luring speciousness. Still anarchy is years to a prison cell with nothing to' anarchy, and it is instructive to see it The dread of the scaffold, the in- showing forth now at the head of the definable horror of the electrical great Methodist University at Syrachair, dwindle into insignificance in cuse, now in the little village school at the presence of the terror of absolute, Medford. The virus has infected the companionless idleness. It is thought Nation Can it be eliminated without that Congress can hardly fall to strike surgery? from the Federal code words that at .

LET US WAIT AWHILE.

The northeast part of Portland is growing with great rapidity. It may be conceded that it is desirable that every reasonable facility be provided for communication with the West Side, but it is doubtful if the proposed scheme for a new bridge across the Willamette River ought to be undertaken at this time. A high bridge erminating on the West Side about Fourteenth street and on the East Side somewhere near Russell street. or in its vicinity, is suggested, so that river traffic may not be interrupted and vessels of all descriptions may pass up and down the river. It is re alized that another drawbridge at this point, or probably at any other point in the river within the city limits, is open to strong objection and should not be built, .Hence the high-bridge play cards it is better for both young plan.

But such a structure would cost in the neighborhood of \$3,000,000, for it would necessarily be very long and To add such a sum to very high. the present large bonded indebtedness of the city means to increase the mulicipality's fixed interest charge by \$150,000 per year, and, besides, it would take \$50,000 more per annum o maintain and repair the bridge. It s not wise at this time to increase the heavy burdens of the taxpayer by such a large amount. Let us walt. We are able now to get across the river with reasonable dispatch. The capacity of the steel bridge and the Albina ferry is taxed, to be sure, but they will do for a while. The northeast section of Portland will continue to grow, and later perhaps the city may feel able to add a \$3,000,000 bridge to the present four trans-river structures But not now.

IT IS HUMBUG. . Since the Statement No. 1 method of nominating candidates for United who sought to pass their noon hour in States Senators does not nominate the

parents, and that he is setting a to elect? Why s ity, and a Democrat, nominated by a iveness, makes it irresistibly fascinat- party that constitutes but one-third to itself tends toward provincial narone receiving the larger number of who are in the secret of the play are votes under such circumstances be nated. It is the dread of this which

her politics make an exit and find to the man of woman of active ener-their grave through ways that- gies than would be that of "hard in-

last few awful moments before the

bullets of the assassing completed

had conditions are with us. Other

countries keep their troubles to them-

Ex-Governor Pennypacker, of Penn-

sylvania, one of those self-anointed

moralists who are profoundly dis-

trassed at the wickedness of the world

in which they live, has been drawn

into the State Capitol fraud in the

Keystone State. Testimony at the

trial of the grafters who robbed the

state shows that the Governor joined

"whitewash" intended to cover up the

in a letter administering a coat of

highly respectable ex-Governor is the

same Pennypacker who a few years

papers of Pennsylvania with a libel

law which made the old blue laws of

New England look pale and white by

Beach Hargis, who murdered his

shortcomings of the architect.

ago attempted to muzzle the r

selves.

ashes is much less frequent now than didate for Senator against George it was in the old days when the poet Chamberlain, Democrat, and make aptly wrote "Uncasy lies the head Chamberlain the "people's choice" by that wears a crown," but even in this Statement No. 1, is humbug. Some enlightened twentieth century most of persons say, "Well, if Republicans the monarchs of the Old World have cannot put up a good, strong man, ever before them the fear of sudden they ought to be defeated." But what and awful death. "The boast of her Republicans should or will put up the aldry, the pomp of power," appeals strong man? Do any of them dare? to some natures, and there will never any candidate dare to have Does be any shortage in the available tim them do it? Would not that be called her for Kings. And yet if good-natured, "ring" and machine politics? Was gourmandizing, fat Carlos, who was not the direct primary law framed borne to the tomb in Lisbon yesterto prevent that thing? day, had any time for regrets in the

COLLEGE ATHLETICS AT WALLA WALLA.

their work, he undoubtedly wished While there seems to have been a that he could have changed places pretty wide representation of the colthe mourning Queen, wife and mothleges at the Walla Walla conference upon athletics, still it might have been wider with advantage. The schools suffer a grief too passionate for exer, will for the remaindler of her life at Newberg, Forest Grove and Me- pression. Royalty has its drawbacks and its gilt soon tarnishes. Minnville, as well as the denomina-

tional colleges in Washington should have sent delegates, but Whitman The American "muckraking" is alone of such institutions did so. The very pleasing to our "nice" neighbors higher institutions under denominaacross the pond. Paris Temps says that tional control need regulation of ath-"financial, administrative and political letics quite as badly as the state corruptions in the United States un doubtedly have attained astounding schools do. They should have participated in the effort to adopt uniproportions," We read similar expressions a few years ago from the form rules for clean and wholesome sport. If our Coast colleges can suc-English papers when the Chicago ceed in eliminating that commercialpacking-house scandals were being ism which infests and perverts interadvertised throughout the world. Subollegiate athletics, they will 'do a sequent investigation disclosed the work which the country will gratefact that the Chicago institutions fully imitate, Swarthmore College were nice, clean and admirably manthought it worth while to reject a gift aged in comparison with similar vsof \$3,000,000 for the sake of retaining inblishments which turned out "the roast beef of old England." its competitive athletics. This indi-Temps published all that was "financates that among the colleges the sublect is deemed important. The outcially and politically" rotten in France side world takes it more docularly, the showing might be no more favorable than that in this country. but it is undeniable that the moral and physical health of the best part United States presents the unique spectacle of telling all the world how of our population is intimately de-

pendent upon wholesome sport in college. The new rule that a student must

reside a year in his new college after a transfer before he can play intercollegiate team is one of those efforts to evalue a difficult duty by sweeping legislation which generally do more harm than good. When a man changes his college for the sole purpose of playing on the team. ourse he ought to be balked of his purpose, because such practices would open the door to commercialism of the worst sort. The college which could raise the most, money to buy men would always have a winning team, while its scholarship would deteriorate. But it ought to be possible. on the other hand, to detect cases and punish them without penalizing all changes of college residence. One of the defects of our college ystem is the slight interchange of

comparison. Perhaps Pennypacker, even in those days, had a vision of students and teachers which takes some coming event that was already place among them. Movement from asting its shadow before. one school to another should be fa-

cile; faculties would do well to encourage it. Each school has some father, Judge 'Hargis, at Jackson, singular merit which students from Ky., is said to express no regret over other places might share with advanthe tragedy. This in a degree is sur-A residence of one year at Mctage. prising, and yet it should not be forby another minority, be designated Minnville, one at Forest Grove, one at gotten that the young man knew full Corvallis and one at Eugene would well how long his father's death had probably give a better education than been overdue. If Satan has kept in our at either place; and the rules of close touch with the affairs of Breath-Why should a Republican, rejected the facuities would display a broader itt County, Kentucky, it is questioninterest in the student's welfare if able whether, Hargis pere is resting they recognized the fact. Do what we may to avoid it, every college left

today where religiously inclined peo ple think he is, for nothing that has ever been credited to Satan and all of rowness. The great merit of the elechis aggregation exceeds in "devilty tive system in studies is the competithe crimes of this iwentleth-century monster. The ruler of the lower retion it sets up among professors. The incompetent man is sure to be elimigions might well reject Hargis as an undesirable citizen" even for a place underlies the opposition to the clecnot noted for its pleasant surround-Obviously the winner is not the tive system in mossback schools. Just ings. school becomes for them a hot-bed of people's choice. Were the range of as election among studies stimulates choice free from the confines of the teachers so election among colleges The final settlement of the immiwould stimulate entire faculties to gration question between Japan and make their work broad and progresthe United States is held up on acsive. ount of a wide discrepancy in the An overemphasis upon amateurism statistics of the two countries showis noticeable in this conference as in ing the number of Japanese entering the United States. An investigation now under way to determine students from playing for money dur-

STANDARD VERSE

ANNABEL LEE.

- It was many and many a year ago. In a kingdom by the sea, That a maiden lived, whom you may
- know. By the name of Annabel Lee;
- And this maiden she lived with no other thought Than to love, and be loved by me.

I was a child and she was a child,

In this kingdom by the sea: But we loved with a love that was

more than love, I and my Annabel Lee .-

With a love that the winged scraph of heaven Coveted her and me.

And this was the reason that long ago, In this kingdom by the sea. A wind blew out a cloud, chilling

My beautiful Annabel Lee that her high-born kinsmen came, with the humblest of his subjects, and And bore her away from me, To shut her up in a sepulcher,

In this kingdom by the sea

The angels, not so happy in heaven, Went envying her and me. Yes that was the reason (as all men

In this kingdom by the sea, That the wind came out of the cloud

y night. Chilling and killing my Annabel Lee.

But our love it was stronger by far

then the love Of those who were older than we, Of many far wiser than we;

And neither the angels in heaven above, Nor the demons down under the set Can ever dissever my soul from the

Of the beautiful Annabel Lee.

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The

This

For the moon never beams without

bringing me dreams Of the beautiful Annabel Lee,

And the stars never rise, but I feel the bright eyes Of the beautiful Annabel Lee.

And so, all the night-tide I lie down by the side of my darling, my darling,

my life and my bride, sepulcher there by the sea, In her tomb by the sounding sea. -Edgar Allan Poe.

THE QUARREL OF FRIENDS.

From "Christabel." Alas! they had been friends in youth; But whispering tongues can polson truth; And constancy lives in realms above, And life is thorny; and youth is vain; And to be wroth with one we low Both work like madness in the brain, And thus it chanced, as I divine, With Roland and Sir Leoline! Each spoke words of high disdafa insult to his heart's best And brother; They parted,-ne'er to meet again!

But never neither found another To free the hollow heart from paining.

They stood aloof, the scars remaining cliffs which had been rent Like asunder: 'A dreary sea now flows between.

But neither heat, nor frost, nor thunder

Shall wholly do away, I ween, The marks of that which once hath -S. T. Coleridge. been.

KISSING'S NO SIN. Some say that kissing's a sin; But I think it's name ava, For kissing has wonn'd in this warld Since ever that there was twa.

O. if it wasna lawfu' Lawyers wadna allow it; If it wasna holy, Ministers wadna do it.

If it wasna modest, Maldens wadna tak' it; If it wasna plenty, Puir folk wadna get it.

LAW.

-Anonymous.

Laws, as we read in ancient sages, Have been like cobwebs in all ages. Cobwebs for little flies are spread, And laws for little folks are made; But if an insect of renown, Hornet or beetle, wasp or drone

Be caught in quest of sport or plunder, The filmsy fetter files in sunder. -James Beattle.

men the people want, how can it elect the men the people want? Why cent educational institution, but they should a man nominated by a minority, against the will of the majority and defeating another man nominated wrong. He knows that he is outrag- the "people's choice," whom members. ing a sentiment of both teachers and of the Legislature should be obliged

The atmosphere of guilt by the majority of his party at the which surrounds anything like card- primaries, but nominated by a minoring, so that it spreads among the of the voters of Oregon-why should scholars like a contagious disease, these two men be the only ones elec-Lessons will not be thought of so long tors can vote for, and why should the necessarily united in a guilty con- called the "people's choice"?

Lord Bacon (not to compare great things with small)-Lord Bacon, on

according to the wealth of the taxpayer. Some people have all their wealth in personal property, in money and stocks and bonds. Should they be free from taxation? A man has all his wealth in cows and horses which produce a large income. Would it be right to exempt him from paying his share of the burdens of government? These things need to be thought

"HARD LABOR."

In the report recently rendered by his trial and conviction for corruption office, said, "There has been a great committee of Congress, apa joint deal of corruption and neglect, for pointed to codify the Federal laws which I am heartily and penitently the suggestion is made that the words sorry." "I was the justest judge," he "punishment at hard labor" in consaid. "that was in England these fifty nection with imprisonment penalties years, but it was the justest censure in passed upon Federal convicts be Parliament that was these 200 years." dropped. As a matter of fact, these It is beyond question that Mr. Hall, in words in this connection have been meaningless, except as they have cona former time, would not have been convicted of these offenses; but a time voyed a false impression, for years, Whether convicts under Federal law comes when honesty, fair dealing and truth, in public as in private affairs, are held in states' prisons under conmust have their innings, and new marks must be set for the advance tract from the Government, as is not infrequently the case, or are confined towards political and official morality, in Federal penitentiaries, they come

Yet all men who pursue the course under such regulations as obtain in that Mr. Hall pursued know they do these prisons. In most of these "hard wrong. They are not deceived, even by "the system." The fact that it is labor" is but a figment of the imagination-a decree which the court has "customary" doesn't make it right, not the power to enforce. Indeed, the and they know it. Hence the efforts abor rules in prisons make no techfor secrecy and concealment. Mr. nical discrimination as to hard, light Hall wished to take care of himself or moderate labor, the custom being in office. Hence the sinuosities of his o put the convict (where it is possicourse and his neglect or postponeble to work him at all) to such labor ment of his official duties. Hence his as he can perform to the best advaninterest with a political faction, in the tage to the institution and himself. A election of Senators. But the public good accountant, committed for forconscience has been awakened, and gery, for example, is profitably and methods are changed. properly put to work on the books; a

As to Francis J. Heney. It is easy blacksmith convicted of a similar to criticise his methods. It is easy to crime is sent to the forge, and so on, denounce him for granting immunity The industrial system of any prison to some in order to get testimony for conviction of others, higher up. But that is a necessary and universal method, which society must employ labor. The work that a convict can to protect itself when occasion redo the best is the work that he can do with unwholesome thoughts. quires. It seldom hurts a man beyond the most profitably to the state. his deserts. Mr. Heney, it must be In recommending that these words said, has done during the last three or four years, what no man of Oregon, in the office of District Attorney Congressional committee explained could have done. He had no connections here; he pursued his duty absolutely without fear or favor. Symnot infrequently arisen where a judge pathy, social influence, family connec- has falled in imposing sentence to personal or political feeling, tions. name "hard labor" as a condition of could have no weight with him. No the imprisonment imposed. The point man of Oregon, therefore, could have has been raised in some cases that done the work that he has done; and this omission practically invalidated no one would have been inclited to do the sentence. Hence the very practiit or permitted to do it, had not a cal suggestion that these unnecessary strange chance or tragedy that everyomitted from the decrees imposed one deplored made Theodore Roose-President of the United States. upon Federal prisoners in the future. Nothing in the universe is so mysteri-The theory that labor is a curse is ous as the movements of human life utterly without foundation in fact. This is especially true in the case of and of human society. Even crimes and calamittes turn to results that no one could have foreseen. Oregon gets intelligence. A penalty of "absolute

defiance of school discipline and the munity, it makes matters all the orse. It is hard enough to hold boys will of the boy, then his ultimate ruin is almost certain. Parents who up-

hold their children in rebellion against

rightful discipline have much to an-swer for in our day. The terrifying increase of juvenile crime may be traced directly to this cause. Still sadder is the almost certain sorrow which the ungrateful youth brings down upon the head of his foolishly indulgent parent. One may guess in the district. One of them is perhaps unduly Puritanical; the other is dren of the latter have heard much at home about the tyranny of Puritan-

cardplaying is and how foolish it is to ers are Republicans. The result of forbid harmless games, They then home, so they must be at school. But the argument is illegitimate. Boys may do many things at home which are wrong at school. Cards are innocent at home if they violate no rule of the home; but at school they do always violate a rule, and a very essential one, and therefore they cannot be harmless. For growing boys the rules of the school are quite as important as those of the home, and often

more so: However innocent cards may be in themselves, they are not a proper amusement for the school. Boys at n active exercise out of doors. Both their bodily and their moral health demand this. The youth who sits within doors when his comrades are must be conducted on this basis, re- out at play is usually a boy to be gardless of discriminations or alleged (shunned. There is something awry in ed by 12,877 Republicans out of a differences between hard and light his moral nature. The chances are total of 65,000. ten to one that his mind is occupied

over, an immortal poem, but it is be dropped from the sentence im- much more likely that he is conjuring posed upon Federal prisoners the up those imaginings with which Satan is always ready to fill an idle brain. that while they were practically The games of cards which rebellious meaningless, a serious question has boys play at school are first cousins to these unwholesome visions of idleness. They are tainted, not only with the gullt of revolt against proper authority, but, what is much worse, they are rank with the infection of inpart of that drama of guilt which begins in a morbid imagination, merges

mentality of our higher courts.

If parents support their children in primary law, each party would nominate a man the majority of its membetter moral sentiment of the com- bers wanted for Senator.

In the Republican primaries of 1906 12,877 Republicans nominated Bourne under authority when the home works for Senator. The votes for other Re- almost every other of the same kind. in harmony with the school, but when publican candidates numbered 29,991. There is an excessive effort to prevent the home allies itself with the unruly Bourne therefore was nominated by 36 per cent of the Republicans who ing the Summer vacation. went to the primarles. The number of Republicans who went to the election in June was between 50,000 and impossible for him to play honorably 55,000, as shown by the vote for the on the college team. Republican candidates for Supreme Judge, Secretary of State, State There is no good reason why a college Treasurer and State Printer. In Ore- boy should not replenish his purse by gon there are probably 65,000 Republicans. Bourne therefore was nominated by 30 per cent of the Republithat at Medford there are two factions can vote in the primaries, 25 per cent low would be tainted by it, nor would of the Republican vote in the election, it make him one whit less desirable and less than 20 per cent of the Re- for the college team. The Oregonian Mr. has observed that college men play more or less emancipated. The chil- publican strength of the state. Bourne evidently was not wanted at that time for Senator by the people ism; they have heard how innocent of Oregon-60 per cent of whose vot-

the election confirms this view. The argue that if cards are harmless at Republican plurality, normally 30,000 | 1y and honorably than to do it clanor more, dwindled to 3121 in his case. destinely. But for the fact that the people of Oregon did not want a Democratic Senator-though they accept a Democratic Governor and numerous Democratic Judges, Prosecuting Attorneys, Sheriffs and Mayors-Mr. Gearin would have defeated Mr. Bourne.

But when the 50,000 or 55,000 Republicans, who constitute the majority of this state, went to the polls in June. 1906, to elect a Republican Senator,

they found on the ballots the names of two men, neither of whom they wanted at that time for Senator-one ing tips from plutocrats. Most peoschool ought to spend their recesses was Gearin. Democrat; the other pie would say it did not degrade him Bourne, Republican; the one nomiso much. A taste for aristocratic exnated unanimously by the Democrats, clusiveness still lingers around our who number not many more than 30,colleges and whatever it controls it 000 all told and are a minority of the makes absurd.

voting population; the other nominat-

These matters are stated merely for plant a thousand shade trees to bor-Of the purpose of pointing out that the der streets leading from the railroad course he may be a genius brooding people are likely to fail again to nomto the foothills. They have selected inate their choice for Senator, under maple, walnut, linden and chestput. the primary law, and to designate While each of these varieties is beau truly their choice to the Legislature. tiful, the inquiry suggests itself, Why was the elm ignored? It is conceded Scarcely anybody approves the present method of electing Senators by observant visitors that Portland Legislatures. It has produced has a wealth of shade trees greater nany evils and has outraged the pub- than any other city in the lle in every state. But it will not suf-Among them are included the four fice for the element that adheres to chosen by Eugene; yet the eim outthe Statement-No.-1 method to de- numbers all other trees except the clare the opponents of that statement maple. If left to a vote by home cipient vice. These illicit games are foes of the direct election method. owners who have set out shada trees The Statement-No.-1 system does not and watched their growth, the elm designate the "people's choice." and is would probably receive in Portland as and sometimes embarrassing words be gradually into deeds, and ends in the humbug. It does not matter much, prime favorite a handsome majority.

penitentiary, or would end there if perhaps, for the policies of the Na- It is especially well adapted the penitentiary had not been virtu- tion, whether Judges, District Attor- mild, moist climate of Western Oreally abolished by the scholastic senti- neys, Mayors and Sheriffs are, in each gon. As to the particular member of about weather interfering with work case, under the primary law, the "peo- the elm family for first choice-there on the farm.

This is especially true in the case of One is fain to dwell upon this seem-the prisoner of the higher order of ingly trivial affair at Medford, where form the duties of a local officer as individual taste must govern, but the the school directors have sustained well as another, whether he is Demo- community that neglects the elm robs banks may properly call him Rea cleaning up, the old corruptions of idicness" would be far more appailing some boys in rebellion against their crat or Republican. But when the itself of distinct arbored beauty. In morse,

whether or not fraud has been pric The sup iced in making immigration returns. position is that playing for money That Japanesé have been illegally entaints a man indelibly and makes it tering the United States from both orthern and southern boundaries has This supposilong been an open secret, and, as tion is, however, wholly mistaken. thousands of the little brown men have entered this country by fraudulent means, it is expecting too much playing professional baseball in Sumo suppose that the statistics bearmer. The game is clean and healthy ing on the matter would be strictly and the pay is good. No manly felaccurate.

The report that Bryan made \$52.-000 last year from his lectures in seized upon by Harper's Weekly as professional baseball in the long vacathe subject for a cartoon representtion under assumed names without ing the peorless leader as a blosted intury to their standing on college plutocrat. And yet, with all his faults, Bryan was well worth \$52,000 to the teams, and it cannot understand why It should be worse to do a thing openpeople of the United States. If he did nothing else, he made such men as Fairbanks, Knox, Foraker and Much of the talk about amateur Cannon impossible Republican nomistanding is pure snobbery. It is alnees for the Presidency. And that lied with an effort to draw a distincalone was worth \$52,000. tion between college games and other

games which is almost wholly imagin Ten years hence there will be many ary, and, in so far as it is real, clean, thrifty and productive apple wholly pernicious. The college boy is orchard where today there are old not built of a finer clay than other diseased and worthless trees. Each youths. If he has acquired expertof these orchards will be a living tesness in football or baseball, it no more timonial of the value of the work of degrades him to earn money by his M. O. Lownsdale in teaching the farmers of the Willamette Valley how skill than to earn it by waiting on the table at a Summer resort and pocketto rejuvenate old and neglected trees

> Heney has now convicted every man in Oregon he has prosecuted. The remaining land-fraud defendants will doubtless regard this information as both interesting and important,

With commendable zeal, the citi-To a mere spectator, the auto race zens of East Eugene have decided to through Alaska and Siberia looks like hot-air proposition. But maybe i will need that quality to get through this time of year.

> Taft's chances would be immeasurably improved if the Philippines had as many votes as New York in the Chicago convention.

They who take unto themselves traditional leap-year privileges should not overlook the exceptional week ending on the 14th.

President Roosevelt cut the coat for dishonest business men. None should put it on unless it fits them.

No complaint is heard this week

Depositors in Morse's chain of burst

GOLD,

Gold! gold! gold! gold! Bright and yellow, hard and cold, Molten, graven, hammered and rolled; Heavy to get, and light to hold. Hoarded, bartered, bought and sold. Stolan, borrowed, squandered, doled. Spurned by the young, but hugged by the

To the very verge of the churchyard mould:

Price of many a crime untold: Gold! gold! gold! gold! Good or bad a thousand-fold! To. bless,

As even its minted coins express, Now stamped with the image of g Otteen Beas, And now of a Bloody Mary

-Thomas Hoo

ADVICE.

Take the open air, The more you take the better; Follow Nature's laws To the very lotter. Let the doctors go To the Bay of Biscay, Let alone the gin, The brandy and the whisky. Freely exercise, Keep your spirits cheerful; Let no dread of sickness Make you ever fearful. Eat the simplest food, Drink the pure, cold water, Then you will be well, Or at least you oughter -Anonymous.

A SUMMER EVENING.

How fine has the day been! how bright was the sun! How lovely and joyful the course that

he run, Though he rose in a mist when his

race he begun, And there followed some droppings

of rain! But now the fair traveler's come to the

His rays are all gold, and his beauties

are best: He paints the sky gay as he sinks to his rest,

And foretells a bright rising again.

Just such is the Christian; his course

he begins, Like the sun in a mist, when he mourns for his sins, And melts into tears: then he breaks out and shines,

And travels his heavenly way:

But when he comes nearer to finish his race, Like a fine setting sun, he looks richer

in grace, And gives a sure hope, at the end of

his days,

his days, Of rising in brighter array, —Issac Watts,

Speczes Out Two Natural Teeth. Winsted (Conn.) Dispatch in New York World.

C. J. Sage, of New Boston, his friends assert. Is the hardest sneezer in New England. George Snow says he actually shakes the building when he aneezes. He has just sneezed so hard that he lost two teeth-and they were not false ones, elther.